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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - MAY 11

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR MAY 11, 1976:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT TODAY ON THE APPARENT DECISION
BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO EXPAND THEIR SETTLEMENT
PROGRAM IN THE WEST BANK AND OTHER OCCUPIED TERRITORIES?

A. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF A DECISION. WE HAVE NOTED
PRESS REPORTS TO THIS EFFECT, AND WE HOPE THAT THESE PRESS
REPORTS ARE NOT A CORRECT REFLECTION OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT
INTENTIONS --

Q. COULD YOU EXPAND ON THAT IN ANY WAY?

A. -- AMBASSADOR SCRANTON'S SPEECH ON MARCH 23 IN THE
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MADE CLEAR OUR VIEW ON THE
BUILDING OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND
THIS REMAINS OUR VIEW.

Q. ARE YOU MAKING AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THESE
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PRESS REPORTS ARE, OR ARE NOT, ACCURATE?

Q. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT ACTIONS WERE TAKEN TO FOLLOW UP ON
THIS, BUT WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS THIS MORNING.

Q. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THESE REPORTS TURN OUT TO BE
TRUE?

A. WE WILL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT.

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